

To the Citizens of New York:

AT THIS time of crisis in the affairs of the Nation, when at any moment we may find ourselves forced into a war that we have steadfastly sought to avoid, it is fitting that American men and women should have the opportunity, as unquestionably they have the will, to give assurance of their loyal support to the Government in its measures to uphold American rights and protect the lives of American citizens.

IT MAY be said that public approval of protective measures is to be taken for granted. But what is understood at home may easily be misunderstood abroad. The great stir raised by small but energetic groups whose cry is surrender, is calculated to encourage new aggressions upon our National rights. These groups hold meetings, circulate petitions, and wait upon the President and Congress, while the vast body of citizens, not organized for such demonstrations, remain inarticulate. We may be sure that the clamor of the disloyal,—and of the misguided few who believe that perpetual yielding is the solution of all our National difficulties,—is heard abroad. It is now time that the great ma-

jority of Americans should speak, and that their meaning should be unmistakable.

TO THAT end the Defense Committee appointed by the Mayor of the City of New York in November, 1915, acting through its Executive Committee, will afford to the citizens of New York an opportunity for individual expression through a declaration of loyalty and support to our Government, addressed to the President of the United States. This declaration, which appears below, will be available for signature in the leading hotels, at the district headquarters of both political parties (in Manhattan), Western Union Telegraph offices, Municipal offices, police stations, and other accessible places.

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Declaration

To the President of the United States:

As an American, faithful to American ideals of justice, liberty and humanity, and confident that the Government has exerted its most earnest efforts to keep us at peace with the world, I hereby declare my absolute and unconditional loyalty to the Government of the United States and pledge my support to you in protecting American rights against unlawful violence upon land and sea, in guarding the Nation against hostile attacks, and in upholding international right.

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